

notes, and take time to think before consulting commentaries.

13. Study the Bible *in the freshness of the morning* rather than the weary hours of evening. Open and read it in the morning before opening any other book or paper.

14. Believe in the Bible as God's *revelation to you*, and act accordingly.

15. Study the *peculiar circumstances* of the writer of any passage under consideration. L. A.

HOW MANY AND WHAT KEYS.

In Matt. 16: 19, we read: "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Now how many keys were there and what were these keys.

LEVI FRY.

Brother J. Allen Miller will please answer.

INFORMATION WANTED.

I received my B. E. today, and notice that the committee of the Ohio Conference, on resolutions, has the following language in resolution 3rd, "That we as a church accept the admonition of Paul," *"And be temperate in all things."* Will that committee, or any member of it, please cite us to the book, chapter and verse in which that admonition can be found. Please, kindly comply with the foregoing request. And oblige,

Yours in hope.

S. W. WILT.

Toll Gate, W. Va.

(The committee will please rise and answer.—Ed.)

Many men spend half a dollar, and even a dollar or more, a day in the saloons. Some spend half their wages or earnings in this way, some all of them, and some more than all. Suppose a man deposits half a dollar a day in the bank, and drank water instead of beer? He would have \$150 at the end of a year with which he could pay for a fair building lot—and in two years more he could have a comfortable little house on it—paid for. A dollar a day deposits would give him \$300 at the end of the year, and \$900 at the end of three years, and a system unpoisoned with beer or whiskey, and good personal habits.

If you begin the day with prayer, you will be very likely to end it with thanksgiving; and a day thus begun and ended is a happy day.

Church News.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Having read so many encouraging letters in the EVANGELIST of late from different parts of the country, I concluded to write a brief history of the First Brethren church of Morrellville, Pa.

Some time last December brother R. Z. Replogle, of Johnstown, in looking over the field here, concluded to hold a series of meetings, and accordingly rented the old Baptist church on Sheridan street and on Dec. 8, opened his meetings. These were continued for four weeks with the result of five applicants for baptism, one by certificate and ten accessions from the Johnstown and Rosedale congregations.

On the evening of December 25, the members assembled to organize a church, and the following officers were elected: Trustees, G. W. Moore, Jonathan Kels and D. S. Burkhart; Secretary of the church, E. B. Vickroy; Treasurer, G. W. Moore.

On Sunday evening December 27, we organized a Sunday-school and the following officers were elected: Supt., E. B. Vickroy; Assistant Supt., Geo. Kels; Sec., G. W. Moore; Treas., Jonathan Kels; Librarian, Mrs. Nannie Moore; Assistant Librarian, Rose Apple. The church and Sunday-school both continued to increase both in spirit and number and on April 5, 1897, we concluded to hold another revival for at least one week, and brother R. Z. Replogle assisted by Bro. Haskins, of Johnstown, filled the pulpit. Owing to sickness of both Bros. Replogle and Haskins the meetings closed after a week's effort without any accessions. We then decided to move to a better locality by renting the church of the Evangelical Association on Garfield street. After we moved here we secured the services of Elder J. W. Smouse, who held a revival for three weeks which resulted in six applicants and two by card.

On May 23, we held another election of officers for the church and Sunday-school so that our year would end before the Conference of 1898. All the officers with a few exceptions were re-elected. Bro. G. W. Moore was chosen deacon and installed the same evening. Our church enrollment is now thirty-six, and our Sunday-school has an enrollment of sixty and steadily increasing.

After two or three weeks' preparation we held an entertainment June 14, for the benefit of the Sunday-school and our receipts amounted to \$15.90 with which we bought new singing books for the Sunday-school, paid our rent and had considerable left. The choir of the Johnstown

church assisted us in the entertainment and were roundly applauded for the rendition of some grand music. The members of the Mission Board have nobly stood by us through our efforts to make this point here at Morrellville a success and may the Lord abundantly bless them. They have appointed brother J. W. Smouse as regular pastor, who with his family, is now with us. We have hard pulling to get along owing to the business depression, but earnest prayer and perseverance are bound to see us through. We intend to let the good people of Morrellville know that we have come to stay and when that fact becomes clearly settled in their minds we no doubt will receive their support. May the Lord crown all our efforts for success is the earnest prayer of

Yours for Christ,

E. B. VICKROY.

Morrellville, Pa.

GLEN ELLEN, CALIF.

Having read the last four or five numbers of the EVANGELIST, it did me a great amount of good. The EVANGELIST is always a welcome visitor at home, but being a hundred miles away with strangers and people who do not reverence God and say there's nothing in religion, makes it a very welcome visitor. One cannot realize the value of it until they are without it a while. While the Bible is our guide and should be our grand study, it is also very helpful to read what your brethren are doing and thus gain great help and encouragement from them though they may not know it. It did me good to see several pieces from brother Z. H. Copp, who was once an earnest worker among California brethren. From his writings we see he is still very active in the work.

I would never have thought there could be so many active workers in the Brethren church, but through the EVANGELIST we see the good work going on every place. God surely blesses the work of our hands, when we work with a will and purpose. I think by the earnest work of Brother Shively and help of the members our church at Turlock will soon be a stronghold. Although some of our dear ones have exchanged the cross for a crown, yet others should be the more earnest to battle for the Lord and thus gain precious souls to Christ. The harvest indeed is ripe, but the reapers are few. Pray for me, brethren.

D. E. RONK.

Godliness with contentment is great gain, said the Apostle, but how many are vainly striving to obtain contentment by getting great gain. Without Godliness there is no real contentment.